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As a farm to school practitioner, I have found the USDA Farm to School Census to be a critical resource to understand farm to school needs and best practices across the country. We cannot improve or expand something we don't have baseline data on. I have seen grant opportunities be very responsive to issues identified in these surveys. The 2019 Census revealed that schools needed help with training, funding, and equipment to cook with fresh local ingredients - and I saw a range of grants launched after that to help with those specific issues. This Census is what can help farm to school programs get the targeted investment they need to grow efficiently and strategically